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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/764,436

Applicant(s)

GOURLAOUEN ET AL.

Examiner

Eisa B. Elhilo

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 12-19 and 31-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 4-11 and 20-30 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Claims 1-37 are pending in this application.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3, 12-19 and 31-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dubief et al. (US 6,375,939 B1).

Dubief et al. (US' 939 B1) teaches a method for treating hair comprising applying to the hair a composition that may be formulated as a hair dyeing composition or a shampoo composition as claimed in claims 15-16 (see col. 9, lines 1-2 and line 28) wherein the composition comprises cadmium sulfide and Selenium sulfide as claimed in claims 1-3 and 18-19 (see col. 6, lines 15-17). The composition further comprises surfactants as claimed in claim 33 (see col. 9, lines 6-9).

The instant claims differ from the reference by reciting luminescent semiconductive nanoparticle capable of emitting under the action of a light excitation, radiation with a wavelength ranging from 400 to 700 nm. The reference also does not teach the diameters of the nanoparticle as claimed.

However, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to formulate a composition for dyeing hair that comprises luminescent semiconductive nanoparticle for emitting radiation with a wavelength ranging from 400 nm to

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700 nm and having the claimed particle diameters because the reference teaches a composition comprising cadmium sulfide and Selenium sulfite (see col. 6, lines 15-17) that are capable of emitting radiation similar to the claimed wavelength and having similar diameters and, thus a person of the ordinary skill in the art would expect such a composition to have physical properties similar to those claimed, absent unexpected results.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 4-11 and 20-30 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The prior art of record do not teach or disclose a method for dyeing or a dyeing composition comprising at least one luminescent semiconductive nanoparticle comprising a core a shell that covered the core as claimed.

Conclusion

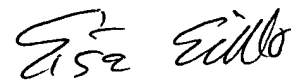
3 The remaining references listed on from 1449 have been reviewed by the examiner and are considered to be cumulative to or less material than the prior art references relied upon in the rejection above.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eisa B. Elhilo whose telephone number is (571) 272-1315. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F (8:00 -5:30) with alternate Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on (571) 272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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